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We wish to quit handling Parlor Suits and

therefore offer the above LOW PRICES.

ALSO,

A \$100 All Walnut French Glass

Bedroom Suit for \$75.

This is less than cost. Several other suits

very cheap. Don't miss the chance to buy, as

we want the money.

One Soft Coal Range with high

closet, worth \$37, to be given

away for \$20.

One Soft Coal Range, with low

closet and reservoir, reduced price

\$40—all we ask is \$20. This is

less than first cost.

Don't miss this opportunity to buy, as

the above goods must go.

BACHMAN BROS.,

South side of the Park, Sign of the Big

Elephant, Decatur, Ill.

Feb. 10-44w

Guardian's Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order and decree of the

court of Cook county, Illinois, made

at the February Term, A. D. 1885, of said

court, to wit: On the 1st day of March, 1885, I

shall on the 10th day of March, 1886, at ten

o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at

public auction, for cash, the premises

known as the "Hawthorne" estate, situate

in Cook county, Illinois, and containing

about one and one-half acres of land.

The premises are situated in the town of

Chicago, in Cook county, Illinois, and

are bounded on the north by the premises

owned by the Chicago & North Western

Railroad Company, on the south by the

THE BAD LANDS.

The Wild and Romantic Country Inhabited

by the Crow Indians.

The country along the Yellowstone for the first hundred miles is on one side a beautiful level plain, clothed with fine buffalo grass, a great, grand pasture for its numerous herbivorous inhabitants, while on the other side rugged hills and towering peaks meet the eye, presenting the aspect of complete sterility. Beyond is the region of the Big Horn River, a fine large stream of clear water meandering along the base of the mountains, well stocked with various kinds of fish.

It would require the pen and pencil of an artist to depict the wild and wondrous beauty of the scenery along this beautiful stream. After in the distance can be seen the peaks of the Rocky Mountain range with their snow-capped summits appearing in the clouds, while all around the Bad Lands, called by the French traders *Les Mauvaises Terres*, fantastically studded with what seems to be broken towers and crumbling pyramids; and it requires but little imagination to suppose oneself in some grand old decaying city of the dead. The traveler wanders at the base through labyrinthian passages, while from above Gothic castles, with towers and bastions and solid walls from down on him in gloomy grandeur.

Here he will see many a place where the Crows and the Blackfeet have met in deadly strife, for scarcely a month passed previous to the treaty between these two nations that some bloody contest did not occur.

When you near the foot of the mountains, the scenery is wonderfully grand and imposing.

In early times the traveler would often find himself solitary and alone on some lofty butte or towering mound viewing that lonely region clothed in indescribable magnificence and grandeur. At every glance he saw large herds of buffalo, elk, deer, antelope, and often the grizzly bear. To this day no country seems more adapted to the wild Indians than this. There is still game in abundance for his subsistence, grass for animals, and wood enough for his fuel, and the red man asks for nothing more. But from its very nature, the hand of civilization will leave it undisturbed forever.

FRUIT GROWING.

Advantages and Disadvantages of the Two

Branches of Industry.

We are often asked this question; but it is one that we can seldom answer to our satisfaction, as so much depends upon the locality, nature of the soil, climate and the surrounding market. Usually it is best not to confine yourself to one branch entirely, but to plant both large and small fruits. We have known inexperienced men to begin fruit growing by planting one hundred acres of peaches and nothing else, or fifty acres of grape vines, or large fields of strawberries. These people often come to grief. How much better it would have been if they had divided their planting among numerous species. Fruit trees, plants and vines are liable to occasional failure, the same as anything else in this world is liable to fail. Therefore, if one has planted a variety of fruits, the failure of one or of several does not cause him serious loss, and he continues from year to year to receive an average income.

Aside from this, if he plants a large acreage of one especially, he is obliged to harvest and market his specialty in haste, at a certain date, whereas, if it was divided into numerous species, the time of harvesting and marketing would be extended over a large period, and could be done with much less expense and danger from storms and other contingencies.

Usually the drift of such inquiries is to learn whether small fruits, or large are more profitable. There is no such thing in favor of small fruits, they can be made to bring in revenue sooner than large fruits, therefore, most fruit growers begin fruit-growing by planting strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, grapes and currants. They plant at the same time orchards of peaches, apples, peaches and quinces, depending upon the early grapes, strawberries and other small fruits to tide along the way until the large fruits get into bearing. Then they have an opportunity of testing thoroughly whether large or small fruits pay best in the locality and on their soil. Thus, if they find the market for small fruits in excess of the supply, they can gradually diminish their department and devote their attention to large fruits. This is the proper way to begin fruit-growing. Orchards of large fruits require years for their maturity, and it is a matter of speculation somewhat as to what the outcome will be; and yet we have every assurance that they will prove profitable, by how profitable one can say in planting small fruits we have but a short period to look forward to, and we can decide with some certainty regarding the demand.—*Frank Grover.*

—Mr. Borgh has his eyes on no less a place than Paris, where cruelty to horses is said to be distressingly common. A cruel thing that is ceaselessly happening all over Paris is the one of the whip just over the horse's head, so as to cause it to make a detour as a pistol shot. In a satirical writing of 1617, and then it's not given as new, occurs the saying: "Paris is the purgatory of the world, the purgatory of men and the hell of horses."—*N. Y. Herald.*

News About Town.

It is the current report about town that Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is making some remarkable cures with people who are troubled with Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis, and Consumption. Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 south side new square, will give any person a trial bottle free of cost. It is guaranteed to relieve and cure. Price 50 cents and \$1.00.

An elegant line of Custom-made Overcoats, perfect in fit, new in design, and elegantly made up, at reasonable prices, at B. Stine's.

BARBERS IN UNDERWEAR at Stine's.

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The average American clothier is often a cynic. Old Prob's sprites may bring him heat or cold, rain or shine, but he is never quite pleased. Instead of commanding circumstances, he is conquered by them, and so grumbles.

B. STINE has no place for that sort of thing. While others hesitate we act.

500 SPRING OVERCOATS,

in all the latest shades, ranging in price from \$5.00 to the finest that can be produced, silk faced and silk lined, just received and waiting your inspection.

OUR NEW STYLES OF Spring Clothing,

in Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's are arriving daily.

Bear in your mind the indisputable fact that we carry by far the largest, best assorted, best fitting and most stylish stock of clothing in the city, and guarantee prices and quality at all times.

B. STINE.

Muslin Underwear Sale!

We offer this week an Entire New Line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear, manufactured from Fine Muslins, and neatly trimmed, at 25 per cent. less than last season's prices.

- Ladies' Chemise at 25 cents.
- Ladies' Chemise, with Lace Trimming, at 35c.
- Ladies' Chemise, with Torobon Lace and Insertion, at 45c.
- Ladies' Chemise, with Corded Trimming, at 50c.
- Ladies' Chemise, with Embroidered Trimming, at 50c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Chemise, with deep Embroidery trimming, at 60c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Chemise, tucked yoke and Lace trimmed, at 75c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Chemise, with solid Embroidered yoke, Embroidery Trimming, at 85c.
- Ladies' Drawers, three tucks and hem, at 25c.
- Ladies' Drawers, three tucks and Cambric ruffle, at 40c.
- Ladies' Drawers, three tucks and two-inch Embroidery trimming, at 45c.
- Ladies' Drawers, four tucks and two-inch Embroidery trimming, at 50c.
- Ladies' Drawers, six tucks and Cambric ruffle, at 50c.
- Ladies' Drawers, bias tucking and two-inch Embroidery trimming, at 65c.
- Ladies' Night Dress, Embroidered neck and sleeves, at 50c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Night-Dresses, Insertion and Cambric ruffles, at 75c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Night Dresses Torobon Lace trimming, at 75c.
- Ladies' Mother Hubbard Night Dresses, eight-inch tuck yoke and 2 1/2-inch Embroidery trimming, at 85c.
- Ladies' Night-Dress, with tucked and Embroidered yoke, two-inch Embroidery trimming, at \$1.
- Ladies' White Skirts, three inch hem and tucks, at 35c.
- Ladies' White Skirts, with six inch tucked flounce, at 50c.
- Ladies' White Skirts, with tucks and 3 1/2 inch Embroidery, at 75c.
- Ladies' White Skirts, with 6 1/2 inch tucked Cambric flounce and Embroidery, at 90c.
- Ladies' perfect-fitting Corset Covers, trimmed with Embroidery, at 50c.
- Ladies' perfect-fitting Corset Covers, with tucks and Embroidery, at 60c.

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Popular New York Store.

GREAT Overcoat Sale
AT
CHEAP CHARLEY'S,
Corner Old Square.

TWO FARMS FOR SALE.

NO. ONE.

One farm of 100 acres, within one-half mile of Cooness Station, all under fence, containing an excellent dwelling of ten rooms and suitable out-buildings; two good wells, a large barn and an excellent orchard of 50 acres of bearing apple trees. Ready money for this land is in ready money, the balance is excellent land for corn and small grain.

FAIRBANK NO. TWO

consists of 80 acres of splendid land, within one mile of Cooness Station, and adjoining farm No. 1. On the west, with a good dwelling of four rooms, a good barn and suitable out-buildings; two good wells, plenty of water for live stock from a great well, pasture along the north line of the farm; also an orchard, two acres of timber, 20 acres of choice mowing meadow—balance a splendid land for corn and small grain, all of which is excellent soil.

TERMS—I will sell farm "No. 1" alone, for \$25 per acre, and farm "No. 2" alone, for \$20 per acre; or will sell the two together, consisting of 180 acres in one body, for \$20 per acre, also have 400 acres of good timber land situated within three miles of Cooness Station, which I will sell very cheap. My cause for desiring to dispose of the land is falling health and old age. For further particulars call on or address, A. J. JAMISON, Cooness, Shelby county, Ill.

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To H. B. Plant and the unknown owners or parties interested in lands hereinafter described:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for taxes, county and special taxes, due and payable to the county of Mason and State of Illinois, on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1886, for the taxes for the year 1885, I purchased the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2 in block 2, West & Co.'s Addition to the city of Decatur, taxed in the name of H. B. Plant, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1886.

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March 4-11

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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We are showing some very handsome NEW GOODS in Gold and Silver Watches. If you think of buying a watch you should see these.

They have all the latest improvements in watches; and the latest improvement in SETTING watches is conceded to be the greatest improvement introduced since stem-winders were brought out.



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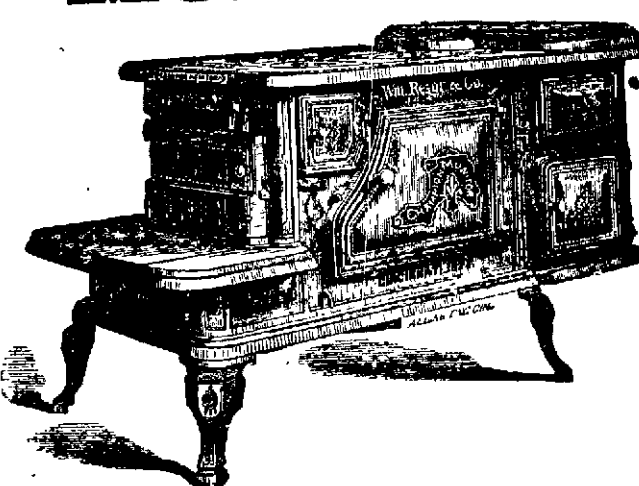
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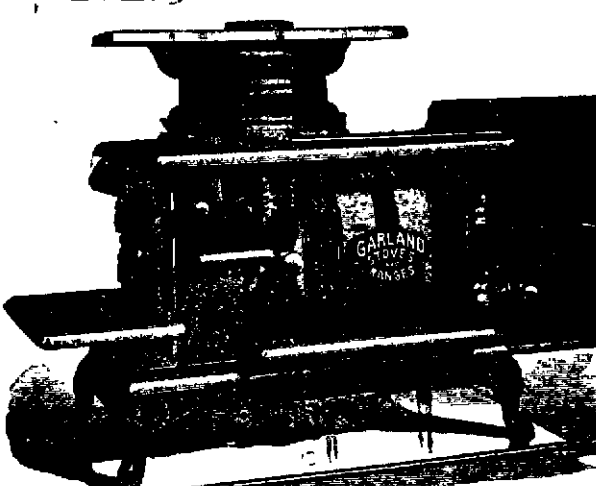
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Six months, \$12.00
Three months, \$7.00

TUESDAY EVE., MARCH 9, 1886.

LOCAL NEWS.

BABY Carriages, \$2.50 to \$35.00 each, at E. D. BASTHOLM & Co.

LAST begins to-morrow. It will end on April 25th.

ANNIE FRYER is coming. She will be here in "Miss" on the 17th.

Tax election at Lincoln yesterday resulted in a victory for Lincoln.

Tax Maud Atkinson troupe is at the Palace.

HUMOROUS and pathetic entertainment at the Universalist church this evening.

With the mercury 26 above zero, 4 below the freezing point, snow is falling to-day.

Tax best fitting shirt made (Wilson Bros.) is at stock at Stine's.

Tax annual township election will occur on April 6th.

H. I. BALDWIN has improved the appearance of his residence by putting a handsome porch on the front.

Ring up Niedermeier by telephone and order family groceries left at your door.

Texas is a grand chorus of 25 voices and 12 musicians with the Strakos Grand Opera company, which is to perform Monday evening, March 15th, in "The Trovatore."

Lupion's ladies' fine shoes, J. H. Black & Son sole agents. 8-dwt

MARIETTA licenses have been issued to John A. Wilson, of Mt. Zion, and Mrs. Sola M. Casner, of Casser Station; and to Henry Gill and Miss Mary E. Catterton, country.

GARY's fine shoes all styles from \$1.50 to \$2.50. J. H. Black & Son.

THE Washburn shops gave employment to more men yesterday, all working nine hours each day.

Go to D. S. Shellenbarger & Co.'s for Flour, Meal and all kinds of Mill Feed. 13-dwt

PRAYER meeting for young men only in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association at 7 o'clock this evening.

FRESH vegetables, family flour and preserves at Peter Ulrich's handy grocery store.

THE county board met in regular March session to-day, President Hill in the chair.

MISS K. EMMETT has just received a new New York all the novelties in Millinery, among which are the new Military Pompadour. Call and see them. 9-dwt

A FULL line of choice canned fruits from California, and fresh butter, at Hanks & Patterson's grocery store.

THE remains of William Barrett, a farmer aged 60 years, who died at Bement Saturday, were interred in the Catholic cemetery, at Decatur, yesterday attended by a large number of friends.

CALL on C. R. Prescott in Opera block and get your pick of the standard pianos. All are first class.

WANTED—A good girl to work in private family. Catholic preferred. Apply to J. H. Black & Son, shoe dealers. 8

THE engagement of that clever and versatile actress, Maud Atkinson, begins this evening when "Fanchon" will be presented. The supporting company is a strong one.

NOVELTIES in Neck Wear just received at B. Stine's.

THERE have been some noticeable improvements of late at F. L. Hays & Co.'s dry goods store, chiefly in the arrangements of the shelves, which affords a better display of goods.

SPLENDID dressers with French plate glass mirrors, at Duntman & Meyers' furniture store. Call there for bargains.

H. F. EHRMAN & Co. will place on sale to-morrow the spring style of the OCEAN BEATED DUNLAP HAT; also all the latest Easter styles of other makes direct from the manufacturers. Orders taken for Opera House. 10-dwt

PASTORS who claim to know better than the city houses say there ought to be about 30 drop-lights in position in addition to the towers to illuminate the city properly. They will probably be secured in time.

THERE will be an election of officers and directors of the Decatur Greenwood Cemetery at the County Clerk's office from 2 until 6 o'clock p. m., on Friday, March 19, 1886. 5-dwt

THE contractors, Shockey & Son, are putting a new hard pine floor down in fine shape at Sol. Moritz & Co.'s Cheap Store. They were at work last night until a late hour.

MISS'S Shoes at \$2—Bulton, Congress and Lads. No need in side. J. H. Black & Son. 8-dwt

ALWAYS ask for John Hatfield & Co.'s White team flour, sold by leading grocers in the city.

A MARSH INJECTION free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

A CALL has been issued for a meeting of thoroughbred horse breeders, to be held at Springfield on Tuesday, March 15th. It is signed by Gen. John M. Palmes, Gen. Richard Rowett, of Gardinville, and A. B. Watts, of Farmington. The object is to form an association of breeders of running horses.

FINE Custom-made Pants, equal to any made to order, just received at B. Stine's.

It is spring. A resurrection of nature's latent forces is taking place. Like the world around you, renew your complexion, invigorate your powers, cleanse the channels of life. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the means to use for this purpose.

THE place to get reliable family groceries is at Postwell's store, 207 North Main street. Call.

TELEPHONE to J. W. Baker at P. O. Book Store for clean Decatur coal. 13-dwt

OUR Ladies' Fine Kid Button at \$2.50 equal to any \$3.00 shoe sold in the city. J. H. Black & Son. 8-dwt

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY—A positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker Mouth. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

MISS'S Gum Boots, best quality, from \$2.00 to \$2.50. J. H. Black & Son. 8-dwt

An elegant line of Spring Overcoats at B. Stine's.

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give relief in ten to fifteen minutes? Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

The Coming Elections.

Town Contest on April 6th—City Struggle, April 20th.

The first of the spring elections will occur on Tuesday, April 6th, when one supervisor, three assistant supervisors, one clerk, one commissioner of highways, one justice of the peace to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of E. McGorray, and as many poundmasters as may be desired will be elected. The ball is now open for the struggle at the polls, and candidates to be considered by the conventions that are to be held will get in training for the grand walk around.

There are many citizens anxious to serve the public in the different offices, and the voters will have ample opportunities to decide upon the merits of the candidates who may appear before the conventions.

THE TOWN ELECTION.

At the township election, under the new law, will be as follows:

District 1—Mrs. Warnock's Store, corner Clayton and Orchard streets.

District 2—L. M. Gill's Store, corner Main and Morgan streets.

District 3—J. C. Hendricks' Shop, on West Green street.

District 4—E. McNabb's Shop, between William and Prairie, on Pine street.

District 5—Nichols' Blacksmith Shop, West Wood street.

District 6—Pratt & Co.'s Office.

District 7—L. Koehler's Grocery Store, corner Wood and Broadway streets.

District 8—No. 2 Horse House, Eldorado street.

THE CITY ELECTION.

It will occur on Tuesday, April 20th, when an alderman to represent each of the five wards will be chosen; also a city engineer, that office having recently been created by ordinance. The retiring aldermen are Wayne, in the first; Murray, in the second; Starr, in the third; Oakes, in the fourth; and Gage, in the fifth.

No strike on the Wabash.

The present strike among the shopmen of the railroads seems to be confined wholly to points west of the Mississippi river. So far it has not reached the middle division of the Wabash, and all the men are at work in the shops and all trains are moving on time. Yesterday an additional number of men were given employment in the Decatur shops. Everything is moving along smoothly.

There is at present no indication of a "walk out," "lock out" or strike at this point.

In the United States circuit court on Monday Messrs. Humphrey and Tuttle, receivers on the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific railroad, filed their report for the period from December 1, 1885, to February 28, 1886. The report shows cash on hand Nov. 30, 1885, \$150,359.90; total receipts since, \$4,749,205.81; total disbursements, \$4,822,030.40; leaving a balance of \$83,187.18 on hand.

For Clerk.

Mr. John R. Williams is announced to-day for re-election to the office of Town Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican nominating convention. Mr. Williams was elected a year ago by a handsome majority and has filled the office very acceptably. He is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the position and well deserves another term.

THAT most laughable (H. H. H.) absurdities, "A Rag Baby," was given at the opera hall last night before an overflowed audience which left the house well pleased with the performance. The comedy had lost its freshness by having been presented here on a former occasion, but new stage business was presented that took well and kept the people in the best of humor. Marien Elmore, a vivacious subterfuge, was the dashing Venus of the cast, and was a favorite, as was also John T. Craven as Old Sport. He and his white dog, "Handsome," produced much amusement. The balance of the company acquitted themselves very cleverly, and the performance would have been entirely first class had there been two or more ladies in the party who could sing a little bit.

Notice.

You will find a nice warm lunch every day and a celebrated Pilsner Beer at S. McKay's, East Main street. 9-dwt

ONE week from to-morrow the annual meeting and election of officers of the Young Men's Christian Association for the ensuing year will take place.

ELLA JUNE MADE to-night at the Universalist Church. This entertainment will be first-class, and will please all who attend.

GRAIN IN STORE IN CHICAGO.

Weekly Statement, compiled from the books of the State Warehouse Registrar, showing the amount, in bushels, of each kind of grain in store in the Public Warehouses of Chicago at the close of business on

SATURDAY, March 6, 1886.

Kind of Grain	Amount in Store	Kind of Grain	Amount in Store
Wheat	1,250,000	Barley	100,000
Corn	2,000,000	Oats	500,000
Rye	100,000	Flour	1,000,000
Feed	1,000,000	Other	100,000

Not increased during the week, 63,187 bushels. J. W. HIRST, Warehouse Registrar.

YESTERDAY, through Randolph & Gher, George Mueller sold a vacant lot on North Main street, in the old show ground block, to C. H. Olsen, for \$400. Mr. O. will put a dwelling on the lot at once, and sell it to his brother.

LADIES' hand-sewed Wank-upstet shoes. J. H. Black & Son.

Extraordinary Attractions.

During the month at the Opera House—Dr. Tolpelt—March 18.

The Schubert Quartet—March 25.

The (Gher) Family—March 29.

The finest line of ladies' slippers and low shoes ever shown in the city. J. H. Black & Son.

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Should inspect our Dress Goods before making other purchases. We show a great and complete stock and guarantee you a saving of from 5 to 15 cents per yard on all the better grades.

Big 18 CHEAP STORE, J. H. Black & Son.

Public Sale.

I will sell all my household and kitchen furniture at public sale at No. 327 N. Main street, on Saturday, March 13, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. Terms of sale will be made known at the house.

For Rent.

A desirable house of six rooms, corner William and College Sts. Inquire of 4-dwt

A few parties do not place any reliance in the promise to purchase a new hook and ladder truck for the city, but we have faith in the aldermen who are at last stirred up about the question, and say they will certainly buy a suitable machine. Now is the time to act, but when they make a selection they should get a truck of solid build, and not a light affair that will be racked out of shape in a short time. Buy a truck that will last more than a few years, but get one that a reasonably strong team can get through the streets to a fire with reasonable speed. Just average the state of the streets and get a truck that will answer the average. There are only about three months in the year when the streets may be considered very bad, and then they are almost impassable for such light vehicles as buggies. Go ahead and pay the fire apparatus cost, and no matter how heavy they may be. But by all means buy a serviceable truck.

Two Church Weddings.

This morning at an early hour Joseph Daly and Miss Jennie M. Dolan, both of Emery, were united in marriage at the Catholic church in the presence of a number of friends, Rev. Father Burke officiating.

The marriage of Charles J. Winkler and Mrs. Mary French, both of Decatur, was solemnized this forenoon at the Lutheran church by Rev. George Landgraf. A number of friends were present to witness the ceremony.

He Brought \$6,000.

In Dunston's Spirit of the Times, published at Chicago, dated March 6th, appears the following paragraph of local interest:

"Mr. Geo. W. Voorhis, of Detroit, has just sold for A. H. Koellander of that city, the best trotting and heavy breed stallion, Hambleton, record 2:26 1/4, for \$6,000 cash. The horse will be shipped to Vienna, Austria, and there placed at the head of an immense breeding farm. During the past year Mr. Voorhis has bought and sold over \$100,000 worth of horses. With Hambleton goes Gladys, for which he received \$6,000.

The above is of local interest because of the fact that that splendid trotting Hambletonian, 'Major Kelsey,' owned by Mr. A. Onip, of Decatur, is a full brother of Hambleton, sold for \$6,000 as above stated, to go to Austria.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Geo. Randolph is at Lincoln, Ill., visiting her mother.

Frank Murphy returned to Chicago last night.

Oscar Keenan is home from his long stay at Hot Springs.

B. B. Richards, formerly of Decatur, was seen on our streets to-day.

Albert Barnes is still confined to his room by an attack of fever. He was better to-day.

Rev. W. H. Preasley is home from Chicago, where on Sunday he preached two sermons.

Ed. L. Martin drew the Herb Wheelock \$35 base burner stove, disposed of at a sale last night.

"Shook" Hughes, the energetic newsboy, will soon begin bying back.

Bennett with D. C. Moffatt on Thursday.

Mrs. A. S. Robinson and son, Arthur, departed this afternoon for Topeka, to visit her husband. On her return Mrs. R. will visit her aunts in Chicago.

James E. Murdoch, the veteran actor, at the age of 76, enjoys good health and the possession of unimpaired faculties. He has a pleasant home in Cincinnati, where he likes to receive visitors and discuss the past and present of the American stage.

Mr. John DeConroy, brother of Mrs. L. F. DeConroy, is now at Charlottesville, Va., where he is running a construction train on the Virginia Midland road.

Mr. DeConroy was formerly assistant road master for the Wabash John Perry and Col. Andrews are officials on the same road.

A Good-Bye Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ham who have sold their residence property and are about to remove to the far west were given a good-bye party last night at their home on West North street, it being the 19th anniversary of the couple. The evening was given up to various games and at a seasonable hour a splendid supper was served. The guests present were Aaron Smick, Frank LeJorge, John Armstrong, Eugene Pratt, C. H. Walters, B. W. Diligent, Sylvester Ham, George Dempsey, George Brett and their wives; Mrs. Heilman and daughter Belle; Dr. Allison; Misses M. Dempsey, Minnie LaRoe, Alice Imboden, Hattie Black, Miss Garver, Mrs. Black, and others. A number of gifts and Mrs. Ham received a number of gifts.

AL ALLEN and his wife, both colored, living on South Webster street, are accused with inhumanly assaulting their little adopted boy aged five years. Justice Curtis issued a warrant for their arrest this forenoon.

More Race & Co. Prize Winners.

George Gilman, Harrison, held \$262 p. w.

F. J. Rose, Wabash shops, held 7358—clock.

Frank Spangler, country, held 7725—clock.

Ed. W. Heilman, city, held 12,250—clock.

Mary Dunn, Decatur, held 256—clock.

J. P. Rider, Wabash engineer, held 11,031—\$12 youth's overcoat.

Pythian Knights.

Emergent communication of Cœur de Leon Lodge No. 17 K. of P. on this (Tuesday) evening at 7 o'clock sharp. Every member is urged to be present.

By order WALTER HUTCHIN, C. O. F. W. WIMMER, K. of R. & S.

Our readers are requested to use Serravallo Oil for all pains. It is a sure cure. Price 25 cents.

"For forms of government let fools contest." For ordinary life it is enough to know that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures coughs and colds.

The Great Cheap Sale of Muslin Underwear.

Tuesday morning, March 9th. 1000 pieces at 25c.

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Night Dresses, Chemises, Drawers, Skirts, Aprons, Corset Covers, &c., &c. S. G. HARRIS & BROS.

Powers Block, 143 East Main St. 8-dwt

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:

Wheat—35 1/2 May; 35 1/2 June.

Corn—37 1/2 March; 37 1/2 April; 40 1/2 May.

Oats—29 March; — April; 32 1/2 May.

Pork—\$10 15 March; \$10 20 April; \$10 30 May.

Lard—\$6 02 1/2 March; — April; \$6 10 May.

WHAT BEFEL A BLASPHEMER.

Story of a Strange and Mysterious Occurrence in the East.

Mr. O. Reams, of Oresma, is in receipt of the particulars of the fate which recently befel Samuel Matter, an acquaintance of his, who lived at Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pa. The story is a strange and singular one and is related as follows: "On Thursday morning there was a jovial crowd in a hotel at Millersburg, and while they were imbibing Samuel Matter entered. Matter was well known throughout the county as a patient medicine peddler, and was 55 years old. His wife died in the same house and then he has been living near the town. Shortly after Matter entered a discussion on religious subjects arose. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was talked about. Matter became very earnest in his talk, and finally dared the men to indulge in an imitation of the Lord's Supper. They agreed to have it with beer and bread, and accordingly a glass was filled with that beverage. They then knelt in mock humility, and with the beer in one hand and bread in the other Matter went along giving a bit and a sup to each. Suddenly when he was about to partake a strange noise was heard, and looking up the men saw a sight that "made their blood run cold and froze the marrow in their bones." As near as the sober men could describe it, they declared that it was an immense, ill-formed, scaly, foul beast with green eyes, feet, combed horns and eyes that dashed fire. With wild yells they rushed out into the open air and scattered in every direction. Finally all of them reached home except Matter, who was away for a long time, and at last he arrived a maniac. He was put to bed and doctors called in but they could do nothing for him. He raved, howled and prayed, declaring that he had seen the evil one and that he was lost. His torture was terrible but nothing could be done to relieve him, and he died in the wildest agony. The death-bed scene is said to have been full of horrors that can hardly be described."

Declarator at the Capital.

The Springfield Post of last evening contained the following of local interest: Grant O'Connell, a Greenwich, Conn. man, arrested by Officer Allis for the larceny of a lot of clothing from James Barnes, waived examination before Justice Schreyer and was each held in the sum of \$200 bail. In default of bail they were remanded to jail.

George Reynolds, the old man who assaulted a little girl with intent to commit rape, was indicted by the grand jury. Miller, the restaurant keeper, was not indicted.

Thos. M. O. A. Rooms were crowded last night at the sociable and entertainment and all had a grand time, Secretary Mann being active in doing the honors. Miss Hitchcock delighted everybody with her piano solo. Prof. Latz and Miss Freeman gave vocal selections that were received with flattering applause. Miss Gertrude Randolph gave a selection on the violin very artistically, and Wm. Carter and J. W. Brown "brought down the house" by their humorous numbers. The guests rounded sweet music before and after the entertainment. Altogether the social was a big success.

Mining Talk at Maroa.

A meeting was held in the town hall Saturday evening for the purpose of taking further steps in regard to sinking a test hole for coal. William Cornwell was made president. The first business was the report of the soliciting committee. The amount of the subscriptions amounted to \$200. A proposition from a man to sink the hole 800 feet for \$1200 and \$900 in stock if they find coal, was favorably considered. William Phares made a short and pointed speech, suggesting that the soliciting committee be instructed to solicit each subscriber to double his subscription. The meeting was addressed by Rev. T. M. Watson, who has had considerable experience in the mining business. Mr. Watson showed that he was thoroughly posted in the matter, giving some valuable information in regard to securing the right of ground, etc. James Parker talked some, and they were fortunate to have Mr. E. Rogers present, who made a few timely suggestions. He has been devoting his life to the gas business, and as the manner of prospecting for gas and coal are a good deal the same "Mr. Rogers' experience proved a great help. They met two weeks from the 6th at the opera house, at which time the band will be out, and a grand, good time as well as a musical feast will be enjoyed.

Maud Atkinson—A Popular Star.

To-night will begin the engagement of Maud Atkinson and her comedy-drama company, at the opera house. Maud is deservedly popular here, and will be greeted by large audiences nightly. She will appear this evening as Fanchon. That the clever actress is a favorite wherever may be seen by this paragraph from the Peoria Democrat:

Last night Maud Atkinson appeared for the last time in our city. The lady had won a warm place in the hearts of our people by her true-to-life presentations, and should have never decided to visit Peoria again, her welcome will be a warm one, for she won it by true merit. The company she has with her gave her most excellent support. It is with pleasure the

SOMETHING FOR MOTHERS

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THE CAST-IRON SUIT,
With Double Knee and Double Back, for
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Magazines and all kinds of books bound and
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For sale by all dealers and at our mills.
20-dwrtYou will get nothing but the best of
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the live coal dealer. 4-dwrt

Webster's.

The Webster is now running a through
coach to Kansas City, without change,
via Hannibal, leaving Decatur at 3:30 p.
m., arriving in Kansas City at 7:35 a. m.
Call at Webster's ticket office for rates and
all information. feb-27The up-town office of the Decatur
Coal Company is at W. C. Armstrong's
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Telephone connection with the mine.
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The Feast of the Lupercalia was held

on the fifteenth of February, in honor of

the god Pan, and in honor of the goddess

Fertility, the young men

ran about the streets and lashed them

with whips, which the women received

without protesting, because of some

superstition as to the special good luck

attending the custom.

So far as Valentine's story can be

gathered from history, it seems that

he was put in chains for the Emperor

Claudius II, during his persecution of

the Christians, for having succored

many of the martyrs. The connection

of the various customs with St. Valen-

tine is thought purely accidental, by

some writers, although it seems not

improbable to trace its origin to that

source. St. Valentine having met his

death in his endeavors to shield and

help his fellow Christians. In com-

memoration of his chivalrous conduct,

his name has been bestowed upon a

suitable name, and the circumstances,

to give the sanction of Christianity to

a custom of heathen origin, which it

was impossible to uproot.

The word valentine signifies "petit

gallant," according to the Norman an-

tiquary, and in the dialect of Normandy,

the words "Gallant" and "valentine" are

used in this sense; while the Eng-

lish word "gallant" combines the two

meanings.

In Normandy, Valentine's Day is

still a great festival, the peasantry

having still the custom of drawing lots,

as in the old days.

In the English classics, Chaucer,

Goldsmith and others, the custom is

valentines is very frequent. Shake-

peare says:

"Good morning! 'tis St. Valentine's day,
In the morning I will tell you of it,
And a man at it as I do."

The sums spent in our day for the

writing of valentines of white paper,

silk, flowers, etc., in every con-

ceivable device and ornamentation, is

truly fabulous. If the revival of sub-

stantial gifts could be brought about

once more, the custom of sending

ornamental, costing the sender no more

than these useless trifles, how much

more desirable it would be making Val-

entine's Day a season of good deeds.

Expressing affection by means of an

eloquently than high-falootin sentiment

or silly rhymes could be in charitable

gifts, and where those in moderate cir-

cumstances could be helped in many a

delicate way, without offense, or with

out giving up the custom, which be-

longings to St. Valentine's Day—
Golden Rule.

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How Pepsin is Manufactured for Dyspeptic

Individuals.

"The use of pepsin has become very

much extended in the past few years,"

said Boston's only pepsin manufacturer

yesterday.

"This is due," he continued, "to the

wonderful results obtained from its use.

We commenced manufacturing it in a

small way eight or ten years ago, and

as the product became known and was

tested by leading manufacturing chem-

ists—who now buy large quantities of

it—the demand steadily increased and

is still increasing. The process of man-

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